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MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

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PRESENT:

<u>DEFENSE:</u>	Mr. Donald A. Borrmann
<u>NSA:</u>	[REDACTED]
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]
<u>ARMY:</u>	Mr. Grady C. Frank
<u>NAVY:</u>	Captain William M. Stevens
<u>AIR FORCE:</u>	Lt. Colonel Louis J. Anderson (for Colonel William F. Scott)
<u>JOINT STAFF:</u>	Colonel George E. Perry, USAF
<u>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</u>	Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF
<u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANT:</u>	Mr. Philip G. Merta

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ALSO PRESENT:

<u>DEFENSE:</u>	Dr. John P. Gigrich
<u>NSA:</u>	[REDACTED]
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]
<u>ARMY:</u>	Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.) Mr. Herbert Taylor
<u>NAVY:</u>	Lt. Commander Harry B. Pitcher
<u>SECRETARIAT:</u>	Major Alva H. May, USAF [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.2/47~~ ^{5.3/47}

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (11 June 1959)

The Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting were unanimously approved.

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USIB-EE-29./26

Item 2 on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject:

Draft DCID on Conduct of ELINT Liaison.

PROBLEM:

To consider the advisability of including ELINT in draft DCID 6/10 (which was referred to the Committee by the COMINT Committee), or promulgating a separate directive.

DISCUSSION:

As requested at the previous meeting, the NSA Member submitted a new draft on ELINT liaison which treated the subject separate from COMINT, and this draft was considered in detail by the Committee (enclosure with USIB-EE-29./23).

The Members effected some minor changes in the NSA draft. The CIA Member raised the question of the inclusion of [REDACTED] in the title and text of the directive. He questioned the appropriateness in view of the fact that NSCID 6 (Par. 8a) does not include [REDACTED] 25X1X7 25X1X7

25X1X7 The Members accepted the NSA draft as amended, but the CIA Member said he would have to reserve his position until he could get a CIA position on the inclusion of [REDACTED]. He also noted that the Committee would later have to consider those cases of liaison where CIA is the Executive Agent as well as the cases covered in the directive where NSA is the Executive Agent. The CIA Member will report his resolution of the [REDACTED] question to the Executive Secretary to permit early submission of the draft directive for USIB consideration. 25X1X7

DECISION: (11 June 1959)

To approve the draft directive submitted by the NSA Member on conduct of ELINT liaison with the [REDACTED]; the CIA Member reserves his position with regard to the inclusion of [REDACTED] and will report his Agency's firm view to the Executive Secretary upon resolution. 25X1X7 25X1X7

The COMINT Committee to be advised that it was not possible to consolidate ELINT matters in the COMINT directive, DCID 6/10, and that a separate directive is being submitted for USIB approval.

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ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of draft DCID No. 6/20, "Conduct of ELINT
Liaison with the [REDACTED]"

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NOTE: Above ELINT liaison directive is being renumbered as DCID 6/20.

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USIB-EE-4./15 Item 3 on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject: Subcommittee Structure of the ELINT Committee.

PROBLEM:

To resolve the status of the Special ELINT Advisory Group (SEAG).

DISCUSSION:

At the last meeting, interested Members had been requested to submit any views on the problem for Committee consideration. No papers were received, however.

The NSA Member noted that his Agency was the broker for all ELINT requirements, [REDACTED] NSA is in a position to handle the matter, [REDACTED] it would be referred to CIA. He considered, however, that the mechanism for handling this problem should not be part of the sub-structure of the ELINT Committee.

Although it was generally conceded that SEAG served a useful purpose, the consensus of the Committee was that this body should not be a standing sub-committee of the ELINT Committee.

The OSD Member noted that SEAG was designed mostly for guidance of CIA in sensitive ELINT matters and that the group could continue on an ad hoc basis to meet on call as needed.

The Chairman recommended that he be authorized to send the SEAG files to CIA and that CIA be authorized to convene an ad hoc committee (SEAG type) as needed to advise on sensitive operations, specifically ways and means of meeting requirements. The Committee accepted this view.

The NSA Member stated that requirements would be certified by NSA; if their fulfillment could not be met by overt means, they would be placed on CIA for sensitive type action.

DECISION: (11 June 1959)

The Special ELINT Advisory Group (SEAG) will not be a formal sub-committee of the ELINT Committee.

An advisory group (such as SEAG), utilizing approved requirements, is required on an ad hoc basis. However, further action on its status

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will be deferred until future operations show the need for the type of group required. The matter will be reviewed by the ELINT Committee at a later date if circumstances indicate the need for further consideration. In the meantime, CIA is authorized to determine and utilize such facilities as will fit its own needs.

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USIB-EE-29.6/3 Item 6 on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject: COMINT/ELINT Arrangements with the [REDACTED]

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& NSA 25X9

PROBLEM:

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& NSA 25X9

To determine a course of action on the matter of ELINT arrangements
with the [REDACTED] which had been referred to the Committee by USIB at
the 19 May Board meeting (USIB-M-39).

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman introduced the subject, discussed the overall situation
and the joint working group proposed by the COMINT Committee. He outlined
the task of the working group, noting that it was to develop long range
objectives and if appropriate, procedures for gaining these objectives.

The Committee concurred in the COMINT Committee recommendation for
approaching the problem through a joint working group. The Members were
polled with regard to their nominations to this group, and the following
nominations were submitted:

OSD - None

STATE - None

NSA - [REDACTED]

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ARMY - Mr. Ernest Knorr (also COMINT)

NSA

NAVY - CDR. Donald M. Showers (also COMINT)

AIR FORCE - (to be reported later)

CIA - [REDACTED] (reported after meeting)

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JOINT STAFF - Maj. William R. Culmer, USA (also COMINT)

CIA will make the arrangements for a meeting place for the ad hoc
group.

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DECISION: (11 June 1959)

To approve the recommendation of the COMINT Committee for a joint COMINT/ELINT working group to develop an approach to the problem of arrangements with the [REDACTED] and develop a statement of long range objectives as well as terms of reference for such arrangements.

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& NSA 25X9

To nominate membership for participation in this working group.

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USIB-EE-35./2 Item 7 on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject: Emergency Planning.

PROBLEM:

To consider a course of action to meet the requirement placed on the Committee by USIB (USIB-EE-35./1) to "report plans for its operation and for intelligence community functioning in its assigned field of responsibility, in time of emergency".

DISCUSSION:

It was noted that USIB's instructions called for a report by all committees of the Board by 1 October 1959. This report involves not only operation of the committee, but also the functioning of the entire ELINT field within the intelligence community.

The Joint Staff Member reported that the additional guidance which was being prepared by the Joint Staff in concert with OSD should be available to the Members around 1 July. He recommended that formal Committee action be deferred until this additional guidance was available, but that Members give individual preliminary consideration to the problems involved within their respective departments and agencies. This recommendation was adopted.

The Chairman pointed out that the task placed on the Committee involved a look at all ELINT facilities, including support elements not centralized under NSA jurisdiction. The Members must consider all alternatives in reviewing the plans of their respective organizations.

DECISION: (11 June 1959)

To defer further consideration to the next regular meeting, pending receipt of additional guidance being prepared by the Joint Staff. Meantime, Members to review emergency or war plans within their respective departments and agencies with a view to being prepared to discuss the subject with full knowledge of background.

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USIB-EE- 29.11/3 Item not on the Agenda for the Sixteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 11 June 1959.

Subject: U. S. CINCEUR Intelligence Liaison Office (ILO, [REDACTED]). 25X1X7

PROBLEM:

25X1X7 To determine the Committee's position and recommendation to USIB with
reference to a proposal by EUCOM to reduce the staff of the U. S. CINCEUR
Intelligence Liaison Office (ILO, [REDACTED]).

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman presented the problem, reading from a memorandum from the
OSD Member of USIB and its enclosures, which had been received by the
Secretariat too late to be circulated to the Members.

25X1X7 The ILO in [REDACTED] has had limited activity during the past year of its
operation. EUCOM recommends that the staff be reduced to one junior
officer supported by an enlisted clerk, and that present incumbents be
phased out by normal attrition.

25X1X7 The Chairman pointed out that a senior officer (Grade O-6) had been
originally selected because he had to apply intelligence judgment in

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This requirement still exists. Further, he felt that relations with the
[REDACTED] would be adversely affected if this liaison position were downgraded
to a junior officer.

The Members discussed the requirement for 24-hour communications
operations to support the ILO. It was also noted that with one officer,
there would be no back-up or succession of authority in the event of the
officer's absence. The Members considered that whereas the ILO staff
could be reduced, a senior officer in the grade of Colonel or equivalent
should be retained if the function is to continue.

As the ILO also handles COMINT matters, it was agreed that ELINT
Committee views should be forwarded to the COMINT Committee for a COMINT/
ELINT recommendation to USIB.

DECISION: (11 June 1959)

To concur in the EUCOM recommendation on the desirability of reducing
the staff of the ILO, but to recommend that a senior officer in the grade
of Colonel or equivalent, be retained.

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The matter of determining clerical assistance needs for the ILO to be left to EUCOM.

The communication to EUCOM advising that headquarters of any USIB decision should point out the need for 24-hour communications operations for the ILO Office, and the requirement to determine the succession of authority for releasing and sanitizing material in the event of the ILO's absence.

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NOTE: The ELINT Committee's views and recommendations have been forwarded to the COMINT Committee with USIB-CC-29.11/1.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Sixteenth Meeting, 11 June 1959, came to order at 0900.
2. Item 4 of the Agenda, ELINT Matters for Further Attention by the ELINT Committee was deferred for a later meeting. The Technical Assistant advised that he had nothing new to report at this time.
3. Item 5 of the Agenda, Policy on Release of ELINT, was deferred to the next regular meeting. The Members had not had time to consider the latest papers circulated on the subject.
4. The Committee is reverting to its regular schedule of meetings, i.e., the third Thursday of each month, at 1000 hours. The next meeting will be held on 16 July at 1000.
5. With reference to Item 2, subsequent to the meeting the Executive Secretary was advised by the CIA Member that CIA was withdrawing their objection to the inclusion of [REDACTED] in DCID No. 6/20. This is conditional, however, on the assurance that the omission of [REDACTED] from NSCID #6 be brought to the attention of the DCI and USIB when the matter is presented for Board consideration.
6. The meeting adjourned at 1130.

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